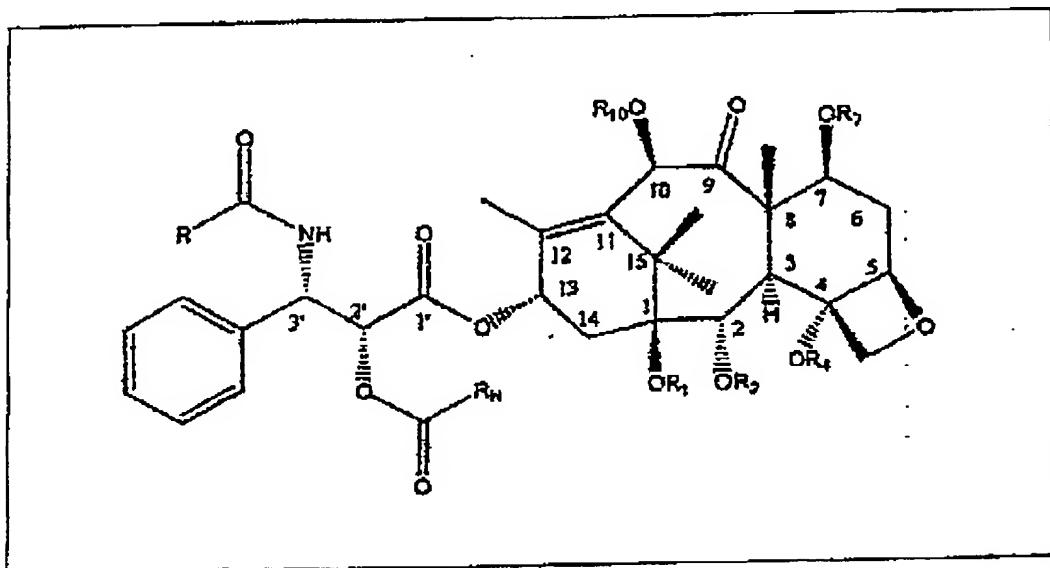


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Amendments to the Specification.

Replace the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 2 to the bottom of page 3 with the following paragraph:

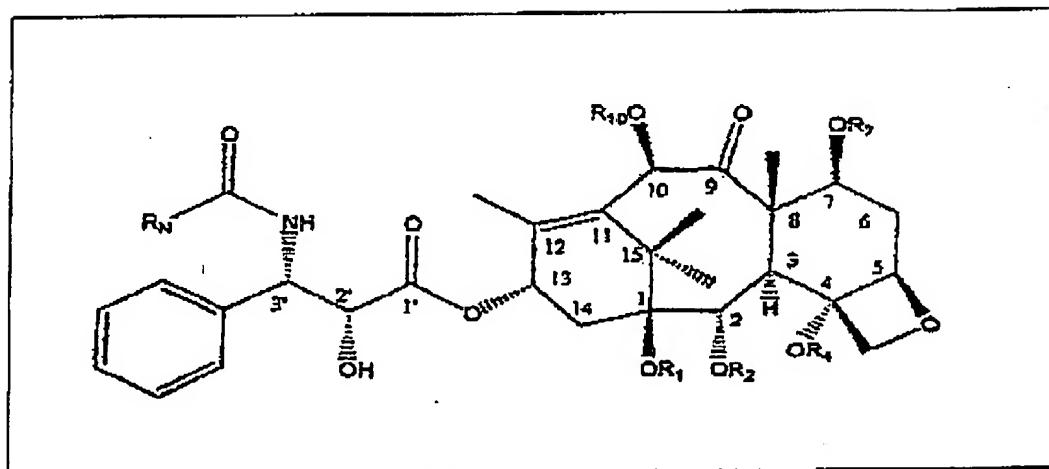
In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of converting a taxane molecule having the formula:



where R₁ is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group; R₂ is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group; R₄ is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group; R₇ is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, a glycoside group, an oxo-group, or a hydroxyl protecting group; R₁₀ is hydrogen, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an ester group, an ether group, or a hydroxyl protecting group; R is an alkoxy group, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, an ether group, heterocyclic group, or a vinyl group; and R_NR_N is an alkoxy group, an alkyl group, an aryl group, an arylalkyl group, an ether group, or a heterocyclic group, or a vinyl group;

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to another taxane molecule having the formula:



where R₁, R₂, R₄, R₇, R₁₀, and R_N are as defined above.